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## Torrance, Alameda Agree To Exchange Police Teams

An exchange program involving police officers from Torrance and the city of Alameda, Calif., was approved by the City Council last night by a unanimous vote.

The two-week program, now scheduled for Feb. 5 through 22, calls for two police officers and a police car from this city to be assigned to Alameda, while two Alameda officers and a patrol car are on duty in Torrance.

Purpose of the exchange program is to provide the men with experience and training in the operations of other departments, according to Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig.

### ... Renewal

(Continued from Page 1) ... and parts of 235th and 236th streets. A commercial center at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard has, however, been excluded.

A TOTAL of 145 structures in the area will be razed once the area has been acquired. Most of the structures, Irwin said, are deteriorated to the point that they can not be economically rehabilitated.

The proposed redevelopment plan would provide 32 industrial sites, or a total of 1.6 million square feet of land area.

### ... Heli-stop

(Continued from Page 1) from the Coast Guard helicopter and rushed to the hospital's emergency receiving room. The operation was declared a success by those witnessing the tests.

cars." Chief Koenig said, "will give the citizens of Torrance and the citizens of Alameda visual evidence of the fact that their departments are making strenuous efforts to update their procedures, to give better service to the public, and to professionalize law enforcement."

Koenig said the program also would help to improve statewide recruiting efforts of the Torrance Police Department and help in the development of better police techniques.

The two Torrance officers—one will be a sergeant and one will be a policeman—will be selected by a committee of top police department supervisors, following written and oral examinations.

Cost of the program is estimated at about \$600.

### IN OTHER action last night, councilmen:

• Delayed until next week consideration of a \$30 million capital improvements budget prepared by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

• Granted a change of zone from A-1 to C-3 for property located at the northwest corner of Artesia Blvd. and Van Ness Ave. Owners had sought a C-2 zone.

• Approved a cul-de-sac plan for Garnet St. near Victor Park. A cul-de-sac will be constructed on park property at a cost of about \$16,000. A

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### ... Board

(Continued from Page 1) money to improve the education of our children, here it is." The administration said, "We need the money." The teachers said, "We need the money."

"The taxpayers said, 'You can have the money.' The school board, however, has seen fit not to use this money. What they have said is, 'We know you mean well, taxpayers, but we think we really know what you want,'" Kusch added.

"THE TORRANCE School Board has actually not only refused to use the money offered to them," Kusch said, "but has lowered the tax rate, which has had a detrimental effect on the educational program."

Noting he is a Torrance taxpayer, too, Kusch said everyone wants local taxes lowered, but added, "I hope not at the expense of the children of the district."

He charged that the art program, the music program, and the physical education programs in the Torrance schools are "substandard" and said they could be improved only if "our general budget is increased substantially."

"WE CAN also point out that our salary schedule is such that we find it increasingly difficult to keep outstanding teachers because our salary schedule is substandard if compared to districts with which we realistically compare," Kusch said.

"I therefore suggest that our school board, when it considers the budget for the next fiscal year, keep in mind those interested taxpayers who have dramatically said at the polls, 'if you need the money, here it is!'" Torrance schools need the money," he concluded.

Army Spec. 4. Samuel R. Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Durham, 1939 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, is currently participating in a major operation with the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Spec. Durham, a gunner in Company D, 5th Battalion of the division's 7th Cavalry, and other members of the division are conducting operations in the Central Highlands near Bong Son on the east coast. Spec. Durham entered the Army in November 1965 and was stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., before arriving in Viet Nam in August 1965. He is a 1964 graduate of Narbonne High School.

## Policy Sought On Kin

Should blood relatives be hired by the city Police Department?

That question was referred to a three-man committee of the City Council last night after Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig asked for a policy statement on the matter.

Koenig told councilmen that "policemen's sons make the best policemen." He also cited a provision in the 1964 Civil Rights Act which he feels the city may be violating if it refuses to employ a qualified person because a relative already is employed.

Councilman H. Ted Olson told his colleagues he opposes the hiring of blood relatives because of problems that can arise.

"The problem is that the father has to be unusually hard on the son," Olson said. Koenig told Olson such problems would not arise if the administration of the department is sound. "Nepotism exists only where favoritism is shown through pro-

motion or appointment due to family relationship." Koenig said in a memo to the council, "Such is not the case in this police department."

The matter was referred to the council's Police Committee, headed by Ken Miller. The committee is to report on the issue next Tuesday.

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